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Choice Poetry.

TOO LATE.

"And you have met, sir, love, at last."
Thy cheek a wan with wild regret,
The bloom of life is half-way past,
And the hearts you've met, sir, forget.

II.
The chosen one was ill beneath thy love,
Pined from which none to mourn it yet:
Death—it—close, then—and then
The sparkling torch—and we have met!

III.
Ah, though 'tis late now, there may remain
Within the grave—so we, even yet—
Some grief lower, and, free from pain,
Some happy days, now we have met.

IV.
Those arms! those arms!—one long embrace!
Ah, what is that in the eyes we view?
The tear—it warms no from the place—
Alas!—ah, love, too late we met!

V.
Could it then not wait?—what hour then does
Another night's or night's see sharp?—
No longer weary—when life is o'er,
Shall death and heaven in God are met.
TREVOR.

Original Novelet.

THE STEP-MOTHER.

(CONTINUED.)

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY MRS. E. A. DENISON.

SYLVIA ELMWOOD'S JOURNAL.

If I know anything of Miss Helen, every word she will say, "changes every day: oh! I wish she would!" Mr. Ivy's would looks as fickle as his character: it wants but the guiding hand of Love. Another story visit to that unpleasant, at home, and I'm rewarding, and I'm tired quite impatient. Will, I cannot get him to leave. I feel all lawful means and remedies useless me to say fear. There is no answer but to go—and my heart aches when I think of that, he is sad, I am afraid he will be very severe, especially with me.

Yesterday, Miss Helen came down to say that she would not study his lesson: that she had trembled for her self-control in the class, but she had lasted to inform me. I was not there, where I found him sitting, with a sunborn look, against his desk, in which he had locked all his books. The key he held dangling in his hands, and when I entered, he rose under his brow, as suddenly as he would have done if I had been a school-girl.

At first I talked with him gently, but prudent and not the least impression: then I tried to be severe, and was quite astonished to find my self weak, false his books, and attend to his lessons.

The young tiger looked at me for full three minutes without moving, when, overawed by my severe look, he seized his desk, and, taking his seat, he savagely applied the key, and, taking his books, flung them in all directions over the floor. Had it not been for my regard for Lilly, I should have laughed aloud at the comic aspect of his face; but as it was, I bade him to pick up his books.

"I won't!" he roared, angry at my self-possession.

I repeated the order, when he sprang from his seat, and began to walk up and down the room, in which I knew not what epithet he did not apply to me. He said I envied the number of them all, so as to get my husband's property in my own hands: that I was a miserable, good-for-nothing woman: that I had my self to blame for being insulted, and I no sooner a stupid: he took thrown assistance at me, even in the midst of his passion.

"Whose children are they?" I heard me ask myself, as I looked at the young savage, and at the child—Lilly and Will had hurried before me, as they always do.

"Judge Ivy's children, I believe." was the answer.

And hasn't the Judge married again?"

"Yes."

"Poor things!" exclaimed the woman with pity in her voice, "they have not known what it is to have a step-mother?"

And still more pity with which I went home. Willing in my very heart to leave them and do them all the good I can,—willing in my heart to leave them, and to be found, as I am, not in every corner they hear the same thing, but I have not the heart to leave Lilly and Will. Each must I put pray my Heavenly Father for guidance. Think I shrink, because there are thorns in the path of duty? I am not. My Master was a crown of thorns—let me not, His disciple, have under the wound of evil.

II.

I heard the time for the Judge to return, and I prepared to see him: but when I met him I could not.

Lilly just came in, begging for a new dress to wear to the party. I refused, and told her that her wardrobe full, and that I thought she could not want more. Bursting into tears, she exclaimed, angrily,

"You never let me have anything I want. And my self much better than she would look on so small."

"My dear," answered I, "I am not cruel, I must, in refusing you this; you know that really you do not need one."

"I do," she answered; "I am sorely mortified; I must have a rich enough to buy his another dress than I like, I don't hate any thing so much—I wish I never had a mother, and mother," she cried, angrily stamping her foot.

I could not bother the tears from trailing down my cheeks at this; I looked up over my shoulder, and there—my blood chilled—there stood my husband, his dark eyes fixed upon Lilly's white face.

"Go to your room," he said, sternly, laying his hand on her shoulder.

"Oh, don't punish her!" I entreated, springing to my feet: "don't punish her; she was I do so again, I know she—"

"Beg your mother's pardon," he said, in the same low, still, calm voice.

She burst out sobbing, but would not speak; then he called Miss Helen, and bade her look the child in her room.

"Oh, how my heart bled for her! and I fear—I cannot help fearing—it will make matters worse.

"How long have you suffered this, Sylvia?" he asked, sitting down by my side, and tenderly taking my hand.

I could not speak, only lay my head on his dear shoulder, and silently wept.

"Come, come—those tears are not for no thing!" he added, "how does Will depart himself?"

How could I tell him? Long I struggled between duty and tenderness. I was just on the point of speaking, when he said,

"I have just heard from Peter a grievous account of my boy: how he has treated you since you came here: how he has flown in the face of your kindness, and I am sensitively sorry that I did not hear of it before, Sylvia; it would have been better for you, love, if I had known this from the first. But I can appreciate your motives: I understand your feelings—though you should not let every silly, thoughtless, wicked speech wound you, my poor child—they are not worth minding. I little thought," he added, "that when I brought you to what had ever been to me a happy home, I was adding to your sorrow, and making you unhappy under the petty infliction of my children's tyranny."

"Oh, no, no!" I sobbed, "not wholly unhappy while I have you—they will, by-and-bye, love me, perhaps," I murmured, with a very, very faint heart, for I saw I have great misgivings whether they will at last.

"My poor little wife," he said, softly, kissing my forehead, "come, that stubborn boy shall beg your pardon—"

"Not in the mood to is now," I exclaimed—"I was till, at least, to recover his temper in some degree; pray wait."

"Why, has he accused you to-day?" he asked, quickly.

"Some—a—a little," I said; "oh, don't let me school I am not indeed, I cannot, cannot tell you."

His low grow dark as he arose from his seat.

"You will not see him now," I pleaded; "not now—he will be more angry; dear husband, for my sake, wait!"

He smiled pleasantly as he answered,

"I will wait

Original Letter.

LETTERS FROM THE PROPHETS.

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NUMBER IX.

ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.

His excellency, the Governor, has arrived. It was one of the brightest March days—much to our sorrow be it recorded—that we were destined to welcome to Tar Majesty's representative, Governor Wedderburn. We were not half wild with delight heretofore, at the very first aspect of seeing "his excellency," only, but of getting pleasant letters from home—though, of course, the national liberty flutter'd the bright pennons in our very faces, and we caught the contagion of mirth, and laughed and shouted out of sheer excess of spirits. We had received an impetus about the small hours of dawn, the day or two before, in consequence of which, from the bed, stationed at the barracks, who marched up to our domicile, playing the inspiring airs of "Yankee Doodle" and "Hail Columbia," surrounded by about three hundred grinning citizens, among whom was—need we mention. How the leaping notes of that old air made our Yankee hearts thump—you—Mr. Cook, in the exuberance of his patriotism, caught up the tag then floated over our heads from morning till night—and, verily, he hung it on the gallery. Then to hear the shouts and bursts of the assembled—then to catch with straining eyeball under the light of the morning sun—glimpses of a flaunting of banners—to hear the cries of "Up—dat de Clerm—he put up his flag by ya! we go to "Merica of we didn't. Yield to gee all the corn meal—ky, ky—Whist! dame use for cremation—ky, ky! Governor, ha!"

But I began to tell you of the Governor. This band and front of the royal colony, was received with a degree of enthusiasm that could hardly be described. I suppose it will suffice to be quiet, concerning, as I did, in the hurried heat and bubble of the day—not thinking, myself, that I should be a spectator of the scene either. But just when I stood seated myself on a good horse's rounding, or something equally pleasant, up comes a carriage, and Mr. Hewes supported—shouting—west—no there—no hogging off—and this particular carriage after making six three six flying visits to the talent ladies, and a laundry dress'd in calicoes finally got things to rights, and off she went, at a thorough break-neck pace, for the driver was more interested in securing a place for me. Everybody hooked after us, flying John Gilpin fashion, through the narrow streets that led to the legislative buildings—but Governor Wedderburn was our silent squire—so we gave back mute pleasure, and vainly wished that the road was lined with Indian rubber—our vehicle—Presently we began to hear the sound of cannon, at stimpled black surged in the distance, the handsome colonial escort—house, decked with flags, from which shone forth—Britain's Union Jack, of which all Englishmen boast—and Yankee Doodle—Britain gaudily dressed, with shining cheery faces, from under officers of the handsome street—frame beat—fife shrieked shrilly—the bugle raised its inspiring notes—and through the guard of honor we endown in great style—the blacks, who took us, perhaps, for the Governor's family, I don't know, cried—"Ky, ky, massa," and, like "black-eyed Susan," waved their ivory high in hands. Then, after being safely seated in the Legislative Hall, to which the "Gubernor" was to be sworn—what a sight! Yankee eyes to gape upon! Were after wars of red-white-and-blue—and here—and now—confronting such and motions—such rolling of the whites of eyes! Here stood, as if monarch of all he surveyed, a stately Cooley, with his powdered rich crimson, his turbine gracefully folded and willing to loose holds to his knees, his proud, flashing eyes sopping half indolently, as if the fire which were only smouldering, yet sending forth occasionally a shower of sparks. There stood the lazy-looking Pemperton, his wife beside—the—following a gravity but year one arm, and her husband's father—and there stood the rich, dark beauty Campbell and brawny Snider—but continue unexceptionable in every thing but consciousness. Ringled in, were several pipers Gibbons, lately hanged for piracy—the Grants—and several Burks, or native Indians greatly looking at the sight with the same old composure that an intelligent dog will be examined. But a moment after and all was up. Cannon sounded—cutlas music—and then the rejoicing air, and the checks of the sturdy bugle blowers—the "good time" was coming, and so was the Governor: and he was duly seconded with his aide from the carriage, a fine, stately-looking man, with the courtly air of majesty, such a shooting and becoming as filled the air. The act of being sworn in was no doubt as solemn to the Governor as it was to us. But finally all was over—the colonial Secretary, the grave Chief Justice, the Governor, and all done their parts well, and the present Lieutenant Governor, who has, during the absence of Sir Henry Barclay, been ruler of the town, very gracefully resigned his honors temporary to laid back upon the honors that nature has bequeathed him as a man and a gentleman.

One curious custom obtains here, which seemed to us something very barbarous—(not this to the account of feminine self-esteem, Miss Keen—Brinkley) and that is, that every lady was absolutely turned out into—the cold—to be condemned their kindly organization; but, to gentlemen all, wise cause was given why they were turned out too. Why not let the public have the benefit of prayer? I do not remember that the galleries of our Congress were ever closed when the chaplain came in, and I believe, in the inauguration ceremony of the President of the United States, prayers were read openly before assembled thousands.

Governor Wedderburn is regarded as a very model for his official station—tall, commanding in presence, with eagle eye, and great command of manners he is already a popular man with the people. I do not speak of "the people" here as I would at home—nothing is said of scum with which Napoleon denominated the lower order—the rascals, for the name of the community are here regarded as a name for less than the dark creation—they cannot, say the people, govern themselves. Nor it is a very quiet and order-loving population, too, for all I can see, but you know J. B. proper, think there is nobody like himself save his spirit, and he seldom finds.

M. A. B.

Clippings.

☞ An old lady, whose son was about to proceed to the Black Sea, among her parting admonitions gave him strict injunctions not to bathe in that sea, for she did not want to see him come back a—nigger."

☞ A German correspondent of the New Orleans Delta, commenting on the long list of his of the people, thinks that truth in that country must be at the bottom of an ordeal well.

☞ Great place, that England, for settled weather. One half the year they have a settled rain, the other half a settled fog. For a mild and pleasant climate, if, as our friend, Mr. Rain can take the silver spoon.

☞ The following pertinent question was recently addressed to two lawyers of our acquaintance at a table in a neighboring village:—"If distance makes enchantment—if one can see and view scenes to return it, has distance any legal redress?" One lawyer thought it had, and the other that it hadn't—but when asked the question we got when we take counsel as to what really is law.

☞ The Worcester (Mass.) Transcript says:—"A day or two since we were riding in the cars on the Chesterton Railroad, and as the train approached the North Ashburnham (Mass.) station, the boy in charge of the baggage (the wheels was rounded, the brakes were put down, the train stopped, and a man was seen to jump on the car; but how he got aboard seems to be pretty in waiting; they immediately imprinted a kiss on each other's lips with a smack that reverberated through the car, but most especially, away went the train, and that was all his business transacted at the station."

☞ It is not difficult to plunge a nation into war; but it is no facetious task even to bring about a peace. On the one hand reduced men will calmly, perhaps, he would not have crossed the Prado. King Otho had thought so, and stood alone, about seeing the Greek insurgents, he would have acted a throne, which is now in jeopardy, and a repository for adventurers, which is now gone forever.

☞ An exchange says that objects to a female legislature, on the grounds that they would misrepresent the country.

☞ A good story is told of a Michigan man who recently went down into Indiana to buy a dozen or horses. He was longer than he intended in the interior, and failed to mount a horse-trade engagement. On being rather reproached for not being at home, he made this apology: "I could tell you how it is, Squire, at every little darned town, they wanted me to stop as President of a Bank."

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OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

Among the contributions to the Post during the year, will be a "Tar Heel Screen," by Mrs. Denison, author of "Home Pictures," &c.—Original Sketches by Grace Greenwood and by Fanny Fern—Miriam, the Prophetess; or the Fatal Vow, by Mrs. Southworth—Letters from Denmark by Mrs. Denison—Letters from Europe by "C. G." and the Rev. Mr. Richmond, &c., &c.

Choice selections from foreign and domestic sources, Engravings, the News, Congressional Reports, &c., &c., shall be given as heretofore.

POLYGAMY AGAIN.

Since our last issue we have received several letters which we have had the felicity of perusing, in one of our exchanges, the famous—or infamous, as the reader chooses—letter from one of the right wives of a Mormon "Saint" by the name of Smith, to Mr. Kimball, of Nashua, New Hampshire.

This letter is, as things go, an able production—and very "pious," being Scripture from Rev. Wilhelm Ehrgott part Pratt, defends Polygamy from the Old and New Testaments, and from Genesis and from revelation. The letter is long to give in full, but we think our readers will like—(for we know they will)—to see how the Mormons fair prosper in their pastoral relation. Mrs. Pratt says:

I have a Bible which I have been taught from my infancy to look upon as sacred.

In this Bible I find of a holy man named Abraham, who is represented as the friend of God—a man who had many wives and concubines, and he is called in the New Testament, the "Father of the Faithful." (Rom. iv. 11, 16, 17, 18; Gal. iii. 7, 9, 29; Jas. ii. 23.)

I find this man had a plurality of wives from the highest authority—the Lord himself—Jehovah or Emanuel—and for his obedience to the principle of plurality, he was called the friend of God.

I also find his grandson, Jacob, possessed of many wives and concubines, and the twelve tribes were also spoken very highly of by the same authority, as being the children of God. Therefore, "say the Scriptures, "did build the house of Israel."

Jacob himself was also a man of God, and the Lord himself said he had seen him face to face, and conversed with him, and wrestled with him, and prevailed. (Gen. xxxii. 24, 30; Hos. xii. 3, 4; Gen. xxxiii. 10; xxxv. 10.)

I find also that the twelve sons of Jacob by these four wives became princes, heads or fathers of tribes, and were blessed in their patriarchal remembrance to all generations.

Now, God talked with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob frequently, and his angels also talked with them frequently, and they talked with God their wives and children. He also approved the plurality of wives and children, by his holy angels calling their brother, and for salutary. But I find no where that God, angels or holy men condemned their kindly organization; but, on the contrary, they were always pleased to bless them in that respect.

He even blessed Abraham that he would multiply the father of many nations, and that in him and his seed all the families of the earth on earth should be blessed. (See Genesis xxii. 18; xxvi. 4; Gal. iii. 8.) And the seed of Jacob were the Messiah for promise in their posterity. (Gen. xxviii. 14.)

Now, since our last there has been almost a deluge of important news. The foreign news, the account of the terrible explosion at Wheeling, and Santa Anna's defeat, and last, the fight at Brooklyn; all will be found in the columns following. Relative to the last, it seems to have been an entirely unprovoked attack by the Irish Catholics of Brooklyn, on the peaceful and unoffending Protestants. Such an occurrence is truly lamentable in this day and age of the world. We regret it, and, as for the spirit of retaliation provoked, we do not trust, however, that there will be so at present. Let the law of the land punish the guilty, and, as for the spirit of retaliation provoked, we do not trust, however, that there will be so at present. Let the law of the land punish the guilty, and greatly desire to pray for our friends, to arrange themselves—except through the ordeal of the law. Let us remember the Christian. As has been well said, Nick Carter does even justice unjustly—confounding as it does the innocent and the guilty in one common punishment.

Fatal Accident.—As Mr. Joseph Wright and his wife were returning from a visit to Pennsylvania, Va., on Sunday morning week, they were thrown from their carriage by the train going past steam the vehicle, instantly killing Mrs. Wright, and severely injuring her husband that he died in a few days after.

What a mind that sufficient care is not taken to keep the cattle from the railroads roads from crossing each other on the same level. In some instances the cattle are left to run separate, but in many cases the ground forms a natural arrangement. It would certainly prevent accidents, and we trust that the next Legislature will do it, short of a watchman always on the ground.

Don Slave.—A correspondent of the Ledger of this city, says that every dog that is destroyed in the city of Mexico is worth more than the expense of catching and killing him, and that the skins can be used for many purposes—for shoes, for example. Why not, then, have a general law riding and driving for gentlemen and ladies, and for the poor dogs, as he says, so Mr. Lacqy's in this city, at one dollar per head.

We republish this fact, with pleasure, hoping that it will lead to the starting of many watching cars in both city and country.

Post Office Changes.—We are requested to state that the name of the post office at Reading Post Office, Delaware County, New York, has been changed to Hale's Eddy; and that Hale's Eddy, Broome County, New York, has been discontinued.

Mr. Peterson's health and the nature of the new offices which are created, should be submitted weekly by the Department at Washington—but we understand that Mr. Kendall himself is not noticed the fact, and has ordered that the monthly accounts rendered into that institution during the first week in each month, and the eight-three were persons without any regular profession or trade upon which to depend for a livelihood, be hereafter rendered.

☞ If you want to produce an effect on the public mind, you must be moved yourself to amusement and least understood. Phebbs would think much of it if you told him that you have been moved to tears by his last production, Bolton of the Bonchial Tubes, and his respected friend for a hundred per cent.—and he would not be surprised if he comes to you for—say, for a prescription for the youngest Phebbs, that's down with the measles.

☞ The cause of the battle in the dark between two Roman detachments, near Kaldeh, a short time ago, has been ascribed to the fact that the Romans being generally fond of tall men, had probably eaten up all the candles in camp!

ODD ROWS OF CORN.

Mr. Editor:—I also noticed the fact in a former paper, about odd number of rows on an ear of corn, and came to the conclusion that it was a made up job by some one who was not content, knowing very well that every farmer will detect the mistake.

Did you never hear of the story of an old three cornered hat?

Maryland farmer, noticing an old dame counting the blue grains on every ear of corn that she husked, and that she had a very large number of them, and that they were not regular, and that they were not half their proper size, and that they were not half filled out, and that the cobs almost over a month with ordered and that they were not half filled out, and that the cobs almost over a month with ordered and that they were not half filled out, and that the cobs almost over a month with ordered

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Congressional News

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

On the 29th, the Nebraska Bill, as signed by the Speaker of the House, was received and signed by the President of the Senate.

The Indian Bill was passed. The Deficiency Bill was taken up in the House and taken up.

Mr. Hunter moved that the Senate meet on to-morrow morning, and it was carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Gwin, the Senate took up the bill authorizing the issuance of an additional half pay pension.

The bill was read. It provides, first, for the extension and confirmation of the Spanish and Mexican grants in California, New Mexico, &c.

Mr. Pratt said the bill proposed vastly important measures, and he thought it ought to be printed and laid on the table.

The bill was postponed, and after short Executive Session the Senate adjourned.

On the 30th, Mr. Douglas offered a resolution declaring that the Senate concurs in the House amendments to the Nebraska bill, and that the bill be enrolled for the signature of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Mason moved to amend the resolution by adding a clause declaring that the title of the bill be amended so as to read, "An act to organize the Territory of Nebraska."

Mr. Douglas moved to strike out all relating to the title, and the amendment was agreed to, and the resolution was then adopted—Yeas, 37, nays, 17.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee of Conference on the Deficiency Bill, made a report that they could not agree, and asked to be discharged from further service on the committee.

Mr. Mason moved that the Senate insist upon its amendments to the House bill, and ask a committee of conference.

Mr. Badger moved that when the Senate adjourn it adjourn to meet on Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

Agreed to—Yeas 23, nays 19.

After the transaction of some business, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Bayly, of Virginia, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to amend the several acts relative to the Customs, and to establish a uniform rule of weight allowances between Havana and the United States, and for other purposes. Laid on the table.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remove all Monday, to the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Aiken, of Pennsylvania, offered yesterday, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in Boston, what remains due to the State of Massachusetts for the Boston Custom House.

The bill appropriates to the act authorizing Nicholas Trist to settle the claims of Mexican citizens, was taken up, and after some remarks was taken up, and the bill was then adopted—Yeas, 97, nays, 17.

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to amend the act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in part by steam, and for other purposes.

Mr. Fuller explained the object of the bill, which was to remove all doubt as to the meaning of the act of 1852, and to prevent the Inspectors from acting as Commissioners, and to provide for the appointment of Commissioners.

Mr. Thurston moved to strike out all relating to the Commissioners, and the bill was then adopted.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Deficiency Bill, Mr. Letcher in the chair.

The pending question was taken on Mr. Palfrey's motion to strike out the appropriation of $10,000 for the Commissioners to Mexico.

Mr. Palfrey explained the reasons which induced him to offer the motion.

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Selected Poetry.

SONG OF THE WORKMEN.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF PIERRE DUPONT.

We light our lamps before the dawn of day,
And quickly from sleep at Chanticleer's first warning;
We rise and toiling for our scanty pay,
Remain and work the until before morning.
Our hands are stern, our feet bruised are sold;
We work our bodies labor on in sorrow;
And yet, against the pangs of wintry cold,
Or coming age, we endow scarcely to borrow!
Thus let us love, nor pause to think,
While still we pass the race
Though the cannon's sound may thunder round us,
Drink, drink—
The liberty of Man!

To our sweating arms that from the earth
And jealous coasts wrest those hidden treasures
Which feed with pomp the idle pride of birth,
Rich mines and clothing and all useless pleasures,
Gems, metals, diamonds, pearls from the deep
Fruits from the hill, corn from the level plain,
We owe for Kings. We owe the master sleep
What sweetens from our wool the western gain!
Then let us love, &c.

And with what toil does misery endure
The bank that bends beneath each labor more?
Whence rose the dawn that bathe the workman's
Alas! the workman is but a machine!
On Saturday we receive the price of our trade,
Her wealth, her wonders, doth the world decree,
But when the golden honey store is made,
The master burns the bee within the hive!
Then let us love, &c.

Our women, placing their own babes aside,
Take to their bosoms the offspring of another!
And he, in time, taught by experience sad,
Declares to set beside his lower mother.
From day to day, in poverty and toil,
The master's hand weighs heavier upon her!
Love is despotic; and our daughters sell
To delight revellers their tarnished honor
Then let us love, &c.

Arranged in rags, and dwelling out of sight,
Down in the country, up beneath the garret,
We live with sorts and dots that love the night,
Or seconds a glimmer hours none may share.
Meanwhile the ruddy blood leaps in our veins
Impetuously warm, and every hour
We call fresh blood upon the woodly lions,
On looking breasts that our sources in the sun
Then let us love, &c.

Each hour the reading torrents of our veins
Have flowed! Not succored, by entered fair.
To crush our tresses and to lose our chains—
And we are a train political wound away!
Then mark the furrow—never grave behind—
Stronger than Wit is Love! With song and wine,
Let us await the rising of that wind
Which wafts the fortunes of Heaven to earth!
Then let us love, &c.

Pictures of Life.

HISTORY OF A RUSSIAN PASSPORT.

Immediately after the Polish revolution of 1831, the Russian Government issued several decrees which had the effect of preventing Poles who resided in a very difficult enterprise to travel from Russia to any country of Western Europe. True to a policy of centralization, the oppressors measures to be put so gradually that, form as not to excite the attention of the public. At attention, the Government did not, however, at first carry out the system in its full stringency, but by degrees new decrees were added, until it was rendered almost impossible for any inhabitant of Poland to obtain a passport. To leave Russia without being especially favored by the Government, and even around the wealthier subjects the net was drawn so closely that none could escape without being noticed. The minimum price of these passports at first was fixed for the Government stamp on a piece of paper, to be increased at pleasure to five times that amount, according to the rank and riches of the applicant. In addition to this, the officials in the various Governments through which applications for passports are made, have secret orders to place as many difficulties in the way of the applicant as circumstances will admit, so as to tire out his patience and exhaust his means. If, therefore, after an unbounded delay, a number of Russian subjects are found travelling on the Continent, we may feel assured that the Government has for some reason or other granted unusual facilities for leaving the country.

The following sketch of an attempt to obtain a passport, made a few years ago by a gentleman who, though of foreign parentage, was born in the south of Poland, gives a correct idea of the process, and at the same time affords a deep insight into the general character of Russian administration.

The gentleman was desirous of visiting Germany in the coming summer; and being well aware of the difficulties with which he would have to contend, began his operations in the middle of the winter by applying to a lawyer, an intimate and trusted friend, for advice how to proceed.

The lawyer assured him that, however difficult he might work at the matter, he would for a very long time remain in a state of uncertainty as to whether or not he had succeeded at all, but that the officials with whom he would have to deal would, in the meanwhile, take care to drain his purse. If however, he was to be content with any chance of success, it would not be sufficient to state his application, or to say that the passport was for the purpose of visiting his relatives in Germany; but it he could not produce a written attestation that he was in the possession of an inheritance abroad, it would be necessary to get the Lord-Lieutenant or the doctor—in preference, the local surgeon of the Russian regiment,—and obtain from him a certificate that the wants of some friend or relative or other were necessary for his health.

Acting in accordance with this advice and thinking he would manage very cleverly, Mr. N——— called in a civilian doctor whom he knew to be very intimate with the local authority surgeon, and assured him that he was suffering very much from a bad cough. The doctor prescribed for some time, until at length the patient ventured to suggest that nothing but the use of certain German waters would be of any good. The peculiar emphasis which he laid on the words was perfectly self-meaning to the doctor, who on his next visit presented the desired patient with a certificate, recommending the use of the Carlsbad waters for eight months, accompanied by a bill of twenty ducats for attendance. The patient, who was desirous of being quite sure that the cure would prove efficacious, now asked the doctor to procure him a similar certificate from his colleague, the mental surgeon. This was promised, but, of course it became necessary that the surgeon also should be called in and examined, and Mr. N——— thus obtained two certificates, a Polish and a Russian one, but not without paying fifty ducats for both.

The next step was to have these certificates verified by the higher authorities, for otherwise they would not be recognized in the various departments through which their services had to pass. This cost very little trouble, but was rather noble in money. Without the assistance of this ruble it would scarcely have been possible to persuade the official concerned to sign the certificate. Mr. N——— had, indeed, to apply to the municipal council for an attestation that he had always proved himself a good citizen, and of his unexceptionable political point of view. The officer of the municipality, of which, after a residence of a year, the story of a lesson in the early spaces of the little town, were empty when the applicant arrived, although other hours had already struck—found out the officials were at length discovered in the kennel on the ground floor, where they were busily talking at nearly a most to their own appetites and other people's money would allow.

The secretary of the office was among the drowsy sleepers, and to him Mr. N——— addressed himself respectfully. The official, who stood with clenched in the arrear, turned him over to the police, who, after a long examination, proceeded to that very day, and then continued,—"But we have had nothing to do together yet, so we now take a little refreshment. Sit down, my dear sir, and partake of something with me! Call me whatever you like best."

The petitioner was half acquainted with the officials of society, and therefore on taking up his mind to be treated like a real patient, and to let the business do their worst. The secretary, good-natured fellow, was not content with treating himself, but invited his friends and colleagues to partake of the repast, and Mr. N——— paid the reckoning.

In the meanwhile time advanced, and the clock struck twelve. The petitioner was sent down between the office and the coffee-house, but the secretary had not yet entered from his room. At length he made his appearance in full dress,—returned home, name of a garden, but no further information was to be had that morning. At five o'clock in the afternoon he returned to the office, and found the secretary engaged in looking over some business papers. On catching sight of Mr. N——, he seized his hat, saying,

"I am very sorry, my dear sir, that I am obliged to go out, but if you will be so good as to accompany me, we may go into some café and talk over matters there." And taking the petitioner's arm, he led him gently to the café. The morning was quite enough to order everything that was requisite; but at nine o'clock in the evening he said to Mr. N———,

"You will be kind enough to pay."

Entreating Mr. N——— to keep his rule again, and at an early hour he proceeded to the office. On seeing him, the secretary said,

"I will immediately commence your affair."

And taking up his hat, his papers, and an hisbasket, he went into another room. The petitioner was working at hard, and to prepare that they should siderate together to the refreshment room on the first floor.

The next day the petitioner pressed the secretary's hand very warmly, and said, "I am unable to it; and now a step forward was really made—but it is to say, the secretary told Mr. N——— that he must have stamped paper; and indicated the place where it was to be obtained. With the clerk, who was to draw up the petition, he had to go through the same process. During five days he studied him with meat and drink without any progress being made. At length he complained to the secretary.

"My friend," he said, "may be completely consumed before I get my passport."

"Do not be uneasy," answered the secretary, with gentle earnestness; "we will soon settle the affair."

The petition was at length got ready, but only by the aid of a pocket-handkerchief. The clerk had once engaged in a duel, a quarrel with his chief, on which was a picture of the city of Cracow, and this he much desired to possess. A formal demand was accordingly entered for it. Mr. N——— promising to give him the handkerchief. The petition was then sent to the chief o'clock. At the appointed hour the exchange was effected.

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